

LORD's Day Service – January 7, 2024 – Epiphany Sunday

Preparation for Worship: *Isaiah 60:1-3,6-11*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

- * *Entrance Hymn* Songbook, #1
Opening Acclamation
- * *Call to Worship* Matthew 2:1-12
- Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Congregation: Amen!**
- Minister: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy,
- Congregation: The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.**
- Minister: All Your works shall praise You, O LORD, and Your saints shall bless You.
- Congregation: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,**
- Minister: To make known to the sons of men His mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
- Congregation: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**
- * *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #164 (v3-5)
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

- Call to Confession* Ezekiel 14:6-8
- Hymn of Confession (Tune: Trinity Hymnal, #164)
- Sinners, wrung with true repentance, Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence, Mercy calls you; break your chains.
Glory, glory, glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!
- Though an Infant now we view Him, He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:
Glory, glory, glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!
- Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.
- O most merciful God, since You have given Your only begotten Son to die for me, have mercy on me, and for His sake grant me remission of all my sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in me true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace I may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen!** *(Silent prayer)*
- Assurance of Pardon* Luke 15:7, 10

Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

- Minister: The Lord be with you.
- Congregation: And also with you.**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts!
- Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!**
- Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!**
- Minister: Truly it is proper, right and our bound duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:
- * *Sanctus* Songbook, #79
- * *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #154
As with Gladness Men of Old
- Let us pray: **O God, by the leading of a star you manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!**
- Old Testament Lesson* Joshua 2; 6:17,22-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
- Epistle Lesson* James 2:20-26; Hebrews 11:30-31
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!
- * *Gospel Lesson* Matthew 1:1-6, 17-18
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ!
- Sermon* "Rahab the Harlot and Her Justifying Works"
- * *Hymn* Psalter, #15
LORD, in Thy Tent Who Will Abide with Thee
- * *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*
- Prayers of the Church* Petitions & the Lord's Prayer
- Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table**
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper* Matthew 26:26-30

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

* Hymn

Psalter, #40E
I Waited for the LORD

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* The Lord's Commission of Us

Hebrews 13:15-16

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

Hebrews 13:20-21

* We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the wood box on the rear wall of the sanctuary.
(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)



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Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

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To the Four Corners of the Earth

The season of Epiphany reminds us of the church's world-wide mission to reveal the true God and his love for mankind in his Son. The star in the center is the star of Bethlehem. It shines to the four corners of the earth to manifest the cross of Christ to all the nations. The Epiphany of our Lord is the Christian festival that celebrates how Jesus Christ manifests himself to the world as God Incarnate and King of kings—as the crucified and risen Lord.

Today our table paraments are white and gold, symbolizing joy, celebration, gladness, light, and the shining forth of God's glory through Jesus Christ.